

Down Syndrome Awareness Day

At the Kentucky History Center

Oct. 6, 2018



FREE ADMISSION AND ALL-DAY ACTIVITIES FOR THOSE WITH DOWN SYNDROME. STATE EMPLOYEES RECEIVE \$1 OFF

The Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) will offer free admission and activities for people with Down syndrome on Saturday, Oct. 6, on a special Down Syndrome Awareness Day. State employees can also enjoy \$1 off admission and a store discount.

Established to recognize the abilities and accomplishments of those living with Down syndrome, KHS's Down Syndrome Awareness Day will feature performances, artifact "touch carts" and craft stations inside the KHS main museum.

"We established this day to raise public awareness of the many people across Kentucky and around the world living with Down syndrome," said Jennifer Disponette, a member of the KHS learning team and the event's coordinator. "We look forward to a fun-filled day of celebration, education and advocacy."

Every year in Kentucky, approximately 66 babies are born with Down syndrome, a rate that equates to about 11.6 cases per 10,000 live births, according to the Kentucky Department for Public Health. The National Down Syndrome Society says that quality educational programs, a stimulating home environment, good health care and positive support from family, friends and the community enable people with Down syndrome to lead fulfilling and productive lives.

KHS chose Oct. 6 for this inclusive day because October is Down Syndrome Awareness month. The day is one of several inclusive museum days KHS offers throughout the year designed for people with special needs.

Down Syndrome Awareness Day will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History, 100 W. Broadway, Frankfort. Admission is free for people with Down syndrome. Regular KHS admission applies for others: \$8 adults; \$6 ages 6-18 and military veterans; \$7 state employees. Children under age 6, KHS and Kentucky Junior Historical Society members get in free. Prices do not include Kentucky's 6% sales tax.



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